IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chartrain, M. et al. Conf. No.: 8419

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For: PROCESS FOR LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION OF

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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 21, 2010 which set a three-month period for response that expired on October 21, 2010. A Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response to December 21, 2010 is filed concurrently. Applicants request consideration of the enclosed Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.